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Comment. The following information

It is an extract of 12 pages of detailed lists and price quotations of arms and ammunition offered to the Siamese. The full report will be available for distribution at a later date.)

- In February 1948, Ivan Vassilef Svetsky, of Tanglers, offered four lots of an unstated quantity of rifles, anti-aircraft weapons, aircraft, medical supplies, etc., and 5,000 saddles.
- In July 1948, an unidentified company in Hong Kong offered a lot of 42,700 pieces and 200 light tanks, for a total of \$8,455,000. This was offered through the Samornmit (Samanmitr Company, Ltd.) Company, Bangkok, and routed through the Veterans' Organization. Elias E. Blitz made the same offer on behalf of the China Sea Trading Company (Siam) Ltd. quoting a price of \$9,846,200. The goods were listed as new, in original packing, and only part of a total cargo worth US \$22,100,000. The goods were reported to be in a "Far East port" which is believed to be somewhere in China.
- A second offer of the China Sea Trading Company listed unstated quantities of Smith and Wesson .38 caliber police pistols at US \$70 and Colt automatic .45s at US \$80 f.o.b. Philadelphia. In addition, six Halifax 4-engine aircraft from the United Kingdom were offered for a total of 88,540 pounds sterling.
- A third offer from the China Sea Trading Company listed the following: a) 50 N-5 tanks and 128 aircraft and 721,250 weapons consisting of rifles, pistols, automatic weapons, machine guns, basookas, etc., from the United States f.o.b. for a total price of US \$59,400,750; b) 200,000 privately-owned Enfields and Springfields with 1,000 rounds of ammunition and full accoutrements from the Caribbean area; c) 160 Oerlikon 20 mm. anti-eircraft guns, 37 mm. anti-tank guns and all sizes of mortars from Scandinavia. The payment arrangements were to be in U.S. dollars or

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Company (Siam) Ltd. Elias E. Blitz, a Dutchman, who reportedly founded the Saigon branch of the company in 1946, is currently in Bangkok.

The Bangkok branch is managed by CHOW Fai-sieng. Ivan Vassilef Svitsky, mentioned in paragraph 1, is a Bulgarian who has been involved in arms traffic on an international scale.)

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